



What Is It?

Strange things are happening these days! Recently a piece of meteorite fell only ten feet from an unidentified man as he stood in his backyard in East Joplin. The heavenly body plunged 22 inches into the ground—a ball of fire six inches long and three inches in diameter.

G. Robert Radtke, an insurance salesman, secured this tiny chunk and gave it to Dale Allen, a Juco student. Dale, in turn, contributed the sliver to James W. Willey for analysis. The chemistry instructor will complete his experiment in the near future.

Ellis to Head State Music Group

Merrill Ellis was elected president of the Missouri Music Teachers Association at a meeting held last Friday in St. Joseph.

Accompanying him to St. Joseph were four students who provided music for the clinic session. An ensemble composed of Eldridge Martin, Judy Medlin, and Joyce Elliff played "Suite for Clarinet, Violin,

and Piano," by Milhaud. Another trio composed of Judy Medlin, Eldridge Martin, and Bill Elliott played "Trio No. 6 in B-Flat Major" by Mozart.

The local instructor will succeed Mrs. Mabelle Holding Echols of St. Louis. Mrs. Mary Bingham Porter, who teaches violin to special Juco music students, was elected to a three-year term as a director of the organization.

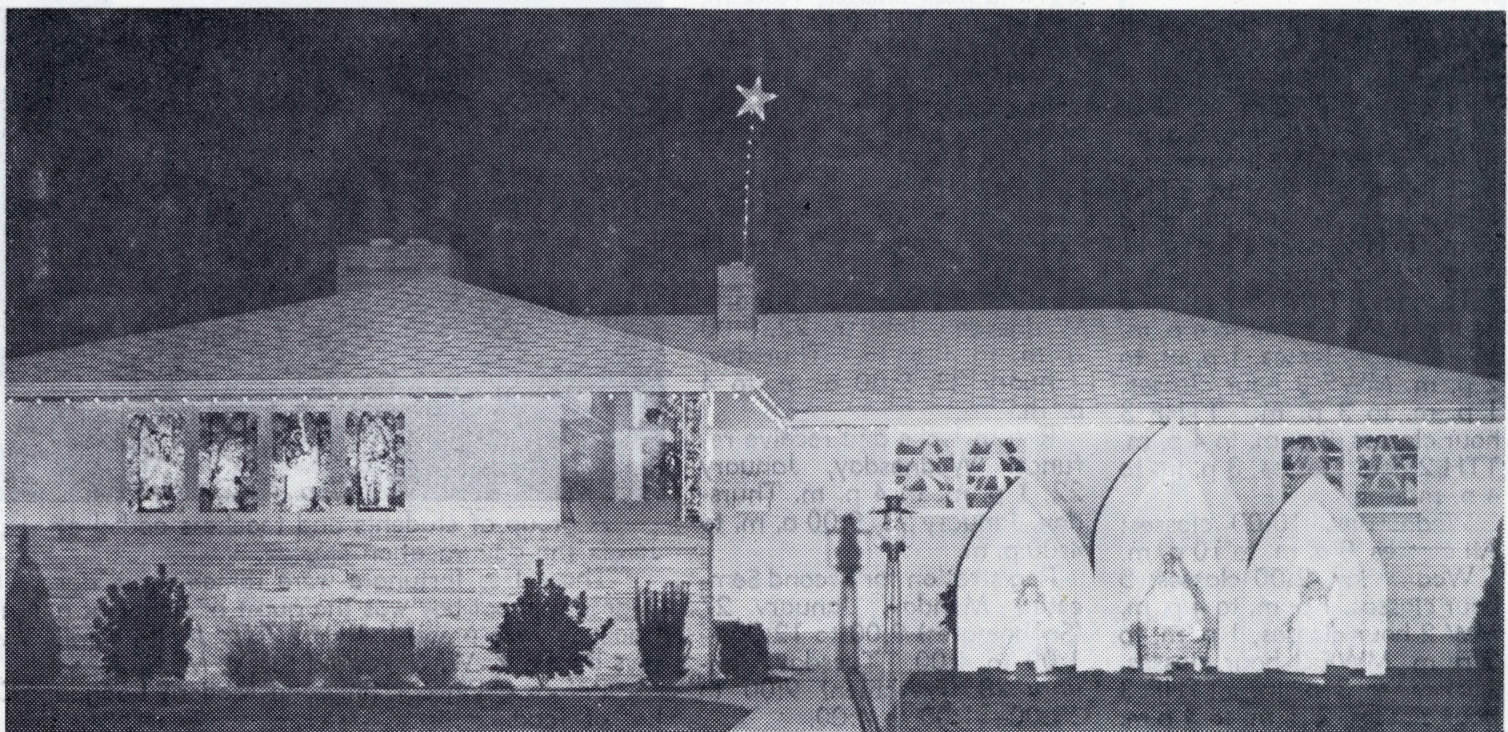
Alumni Association Head Captures First Honors in Decoration Contest

Pictured at the right is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al C. Burness, Jr., which won first prize in the \$50 to \$100 division of the Joplin Junior Chamber of Commerce Christmas home lighting contest held December 23. The Burgess residence is located at 2902 East Sixteenth street.

Flanking a nativity scene on the front lawn are figures of two angels. Windows in the home were illuminated showing various designs placed on the window panes. Topping the entire display is a star over the roof of the home. Several spotlights gave a glittering effect to the star. Outlining the front portion of the home, multi-colored lights were placed around the eaves of the roof.

For taking top honors, the J. J. C. Alumni Association head and his wife received an electric blanket and a portable electric saw.

Selection of the Burgess' home as one of the winners in the contest was made by judges from outlying cities. Hundreds of local residents participated in a tour of homes with exterior decorations.



Poetry Contest Offers Opportunities

The Contemporary American Poetry Association has announced the first of a planned series of poetry contests aimed at stimulating further interest in the poetry of the United States. This contest is being held in conjunction with a proposed anthology of contemporary American college poetry.

The first prize winner will receive a \$250 cash award. The second through fifth prizes will be plaques; the sixth through tenth, certificates of merit.

In order to be eligible, contestants must be citizens of the United States, attending accredited colleges and universities in the United States at time of entry. All poems must be the original work of the entrant, and each must be without previous publication of any kind. Any subject, length, and style will be acceptable, and each will be given equal consideration by the judges. There is no limit to the number of poems each entrant may submit.

All poems must be typewritten on standard unlined

white typing paper. Each poem must be submitted on a separate sheet of paper, and, if a poem exceeds one page, all pages must be securely stapled together. The student's name and address and the name of the college must be typed on the upper left of the first page of the poem. Rejected material will not be returned unless entries are accompanied by stamped, self-addressed envelopes.

Entries should be mailed to the Contemporary American Poetry Association, P. O. Box 462, Hermosa Beach, California, and postmarked not later than midnight, March 1, 1958. Faculty members of the University of California and of the El Camino English Departments, the editor of *Existeria* poetry magazine, and the editor of the *H. Penny Press* will judge the contest.

Death Comes To Two Alumnae

Information of the death of two former Joplin Junior College students was received during the past month. The students attended the College in 1955 and 1956.

Mary Ann Routledge was killed in a two-car accident Thursday, December 19 at an intersection of South Main Street, near the Missouri Freeway overpass. She was alone in her car when it was struck by a car driven by a Dayton, Ohio, man.

Mary Ann was an employee of the First National Bank of Joplin. She had the lead in the Little Theatre's production of "Bus Stop" last year.

A more recent death was that of Helen D. Scott who died January 3 in a hospital at Oakland, California. Helen was admitted to the hospital December 9, after becoming ill while visiting a sister in Oakland.

Eagle-Picher Helps Children Of Employees

Sons and daughters of Eagle-Picher chemical division employees will be financially aided in their desire to attend Joplin Junior College. According to W. D. Atteberry, production manager, Eagle-Picher has established a policy to encourage and assist these young people in furthering their education.

Atteberry's letter to the chemical employees follows:

"To encourage and assist your sons and daughters to further their education, the chemical division of Eagle-Picher will pay matriculation and tuition fees for any child of any chemical division employee who is accepted for admittance to Joplin Junior College. In addition, the company will pay the cost of books and any necessary laboratory fees.

"As long as the student maintains a scholastic record acceptable to Joplin Junior College, the above costs will be paid by the company.

"If your son or daughter desires to take advantage of this educational opportunity, it will be necessary for you to obtain a form from your plant manager, which states that your son or daughter qualifies for the Eagle-Picher educational program and requests the college to bill the company. This form must be presented to the college at the time of registration.

"This policy is effective at once. Registration dates at Joplin Junior College are January 27 and January 28, 1958.

"It is our sincere hope that your children will take advantage of this opportunity to broaden their horizon of learning, and that you will urge them to do so."



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Business Students Vie in Typing, Shorthand Regatta

In case you haven't been on the lower deck of the J.J.C. "Washtub" lately, you should come down and inspect the engine room of this unique battleship. Near the stern lies one of the major engine compartments, which houses the domain of Miss Vera Steininger and her 50-word-a-minute associates.

Recently, Miss Steininger gave her typing proteges a 10-minute, 5-error-minimum test, following rules published by the Gregg Division of McGraw-Hill Book Company.

These students included Richard Crowell, who, according to Miss Steininger, turned in a remarkable paper of 51 words per minute with no errors; Betty Grider, 54 words, five errors; Donna Laird, 58 words per minute, five errors; Virginia Rush, 55 words, three errors; Jeaneane Veatch, with a 58-words, four-error paper.

Also in Miss Steininger's record book lies the story of Marilyn Harrison, who passed a pre-holiday shorthand test with a 60-word-per-minute average and with 95 per cent accuracy.

Third Time a Charm?

The Joplin School Board has approved a \$200,000 bond issue to be voted on January 28, to secure funds to furnish the new high school. If it carries, Junior College students will be able to occupy the high school building next fall. Although furnishings usually amount to 15 percent of the cost of a building, the Board is asking for \$100,000 less than this estimate demands, demonstrating the seriousness of the problem.

This is the Board's third attempt to secure necessary funds for the equipment. An earlier bond issue of \$990,000 which included money for other projects was defeated for the second time in October.

It seems that if the Board is willing to try to get by with only \$200,000, the taxpayers should be willing to pay an additional ten cents a month to see students go to schools that will accommodate them. If the voters continue to defeat these school bonds, the beautiful unfurnished, empty building will soon depreciate and then the taxpayers will have something to be displeased about.

To describe the crowded conditions that exist in both the College and the high school would be to repeat what was stated in The Chart on October 11. Each of us is aware of the situation and should do all we can to help this issue pass.

Young Republicans Organize At J. J. C.

The Young Republicans of Joplin Junior College united January 8, in Room 202. Bruce Vaughan, Jr., from the Jasper County Young Republican Club, informed the new members of the activities and the purposes of the organization.

Following the talk the club elected an executive committee. Charles Bridges was chosen president. Other officers include Orval Bradley, vice-president; Donna Engle, secretary; and Nancy Chadwell, treasurer.

Missouri Snubbed:

As Six-Gun Sagas Tell Tales on TV

In the recent flood of "adult" westerns overwhelming our television screens, it looks as if our grand and glorious state has been snubbed. Cruelly snubbed. Does Missouri get credit for Wyatt Earp, Vince Bonner, Jim Hardy, or Wild Bill Hickok? No. Missouri can't claim Zorro as a native son. Or even Annie Oakley.

Does this mean that Missouri is not interesting? Does it mean that Missouri has never produced any interesting people? Perish the thought.

It's just that Missouri seems to have the "bad guys." People like Jesse and Frank James, the Younger Brothers, and Belle Starr.

Take Jesse, for example. If anyone deserves a break, he does. Being the best crook in the United States certainly wasn't all sweetness and light. In the first place, it could be extremely dangerous. Sometimes the institutions he "visited" took it in a very unsportsmanlike manner. They even went so far as to hire Pinkerton detectives to trail him. I say "trail" because they rarely got close enough to see him. And when they did, they usually got carried away feet first.

Wild Bill has Jingles; Matt Dillon has Chester; Cisco Kid has Pancho. Jesse James had Cole Younger.

To put it colloquially, Cole was "crooked as a dog's hind leg." To the best of anyone's knowledge, he never in his life did anything which would employ more intelligence than that displayed by a worn-out jelly-fish. But you have to give him credit for trying.

I can see it all, a typical scene.

"Now listen, Cole," Jesse might have said. "You go to the bank. Got that?"

"Duhhh—yeah, I got that."

"And then you pull out a \$100 bill and ask the cashier to change it for you. Got that?"

"Duhhh—yeah, I got that."

"While the cashier gets the change, you keep your eyes open, see?"

"Duhhh—yeah, see!"

"Now, Cole, ol' buddy, ol' true blue friend, repeat what I've just told you."

Cole studies hard, his face covered with grim determination and whiskers.

"Com'on, com'on!" Jesse urges impatiently. "We ain't got a month, ya know."

"Don't rush me!" Cole replies with a hurt expression. "I'll remember. Gimme time."

"Have you remembered yet?" Jesse asks a half hour later.

"Yeah. First I go to the bank." He watches Jesse for a sign of approval. None is forthcoming.

"Go on," growls Jesse, in a noncommittal manner.

Somewhat crushed, Cole continues. "Then I - - -" he pauses, searching frantically for the answer, "- - I - - pull out my trusty 6-gun and blast away!"

"No, no, NO!"

"Don't holler," Cole says with dignity.

Yes, Jesse had it tough. The least he deserves is a TV program.

Belle Starr was a character, too. It has always been my belief that Belle could have out-shot Annie Oakley, had she been given the chance.

Why not a "Belle Starr Show," starring Jayne Mansfield or Jane Russell or someone like that?

Well, I'd watch it.

To get back to the point, what's the matter with a TV program about one of Missouri's famous personages?

All right, "notorious." Have it your own way. B. J. L.

Final Exams to Begin January 20

Monday, 8:00 classes: 5 hour classes, 8 a. m. to 11 a. m. MW 2 hour classes, 8 a. m. to 9 a. m. MWF 3 hour classes, 8 a. m. to 10 a. m. TTHF 3 hour classes, 10 a. m. to 12. TTH 2 hour classes, 11 a. m. to 12 a. m.

Monday, 12:00 classes: All classes, 1 p. m. to 3 p. m.

Tuesday, 9:00 classes: 5 hour classes, 8 a. m. to 11 a. m. MW 2 hour classes, 8 a. m. to 9 a. m. MWF 3 hour classes, 8 a. m. to 10 a. m. TTHF 3 hour classes, 10 a. m. to 12 a. m. TTH 2 hour classes, 11 a. m. to 12 a. m.

Tuesday, 1:00 classes: 5 hour classes, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. MW 2 hour classes, 1 p. m. to 2 p. m. MWF 3 hour classes, 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. TTHF 3 hour classes, 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. TTH 2 hour classes, 3 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Wednesday, 10:00 classes: All classes, 8 a. m. to 10 a. m.

Wednesday, 2:00 classes: 5 hour classes, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. MW 2 hour classes, 1 p. m. to 2 p. m. MWF 3 hour classes, 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. TTHF 3 hour classes, 2 p. m. to 4 p. m.

TTH 2 hour classes, 3 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Thursday, 11:00 classes: 5 hour classes, 8 a. m. to 11 a. m. MW 2 hour classes, 8 a. m. to 9 a. m. MWF 3 hour classes, 8 a. m. to 10 a. m. TTHF 3 hour classes, 10 a. m. to 12 a. m. TTH 2 hour classes, 11 a. m. to 12 a. m.

Thursday, 3:00 classes: 5 hour classes, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. MW 2 hour classes, 1 p. m. to 2 p. m. MWF 3 hour classes, 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. TTHF 3 hour classes, 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. TTH 2 hour classes, 3 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Return textbooks to library: Wednesday, January 22, 9:00 a. m. to 4 p. m. Thursday, January 23, 9:00 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Return locks and receive refunds: Wednesday, January 22, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. Thursday, January 23, 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

Registration for Second Semester: Monday, January 27 (Sophomores) 9:00 to 12:00—1:00 to 4:00. Tuesday, January 28 (Freshmen) 9:00 to 12:00—1:00 to 4:00.

Caroling and Giving Exemplify Seasonal Spirit



A group of students and teachers added atmosphere as they gathered to sing Christmas carols the day vacation started.

Those less fortunate were remembered during the holiday season by several organizations. A grade school boy was the guest of honor at a luncheon meeting of the Circle K Club, by whom he was presented gifts. Two Joplin families were given baskets of food, clothing, and toys by the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A.

Before going caroling, the Modern Language Club also supplied a needy family with a basket of food.

And So They Were Married



David Hall plays doorman for his wife Rebecca and Jaqueeta and Leon Casperson. These two couples are distinctive as the only husband-and-wife teams enrolled at J. J. C.

"We don't like to study together because of the big difference in our educational fields," remark the Caspersons. Leon, a second semester freshman, pursues engineering as his major. His wife Jaqueeta takes accounting as her only class, and then works at the Bankers' Investment Company.

Married six years, the Caspersons have a two-and-one-half year old daughter, Jeanne. They met while attending Joplin High School where Jaqueeta graduated in 1948. Leon completed his high school credits during his armed service career. He received a U. S. A. F. I. diploma.

The Halls are both education majors. "We like to study together," they declare. David a secondary education sophomore, and Rebecca, a second semester freshman in the elementary field, celebrated their second wedding anniversary only four days ago. They are the parents of eleven-month-old David Allen. The couple met when both were serving in the Army at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Rebecca is a 1952 graduate of Neosho High School. David graduated at Greensboro, North Carolina in 1946. They plan to attend K. S. T. C. next year.

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Alumnus Assumes Federal Position

Clark A. Ridpath, J. J. C. graduate, recently took the oath of office as an assistant United States attorney for the Western District of Missouri. Ridpath, who for the past year has served as law clerk, succeeds William O. Russell, who has returned to private practice in Joplin.

The University of Kansas City School of Law graduate was a member of the Student Senate while studying here. He was a member of the Modern Language Club and served as vice-president of the sophomore class. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Morris Ridpath.

Vital Statistics Change in Semester

Upon returning from vacation, students learned of new engagements and marriages involving alumni and present students.

Engagements include the following:

- Marilyn Harrison to Bob Frazier.
- Sharon Houk to Dale Allen.
- Betty Boyd to Harvey Scott.
- Donna Laird to Eldon Mailles.
- Janice Felker to Don Timberman.
- Roberta Lamb to LeRoy Osterloh.
- Janette Veatch to Gary Sidestricker.
- Jane Ann Sturgell to Jerry Antle.

Sue Holland and Bill Jordan, both former students were married December 26. Johnny Plagmann, a '56 graduate, and Brenda Wanner were married December 27.

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Freshman Analyzes Grecian Echo

Edith Hamilton, in her latest book, "The Echo of Greece," continues her previous history of ancient Greece by adding the tale of the fourth century B. C. Since "The Greek Way," her first book, she has written six books about ancient Greece, Rome, and Israel, and has become very well-known in American letters.

"The Echo of Greece" explains the fifth century Greece concept of freedom—a personal and political freedom seldom equaled and never surpassed.

Meaning of Freedom

Socrates taught that men are not free when released from outside rule, but only when they become masters of themselves. Socrates' pupil, Plato, founded his Academy to train the youth of the state to become perfect citizens. Plato's plan for his Academy was founded on the basic truth that only he who has within himself the calm and harmony which are God's can bring peace and order to a state.

Plato's chief rival as a teacher was Isocrates, a great writer and statesman, who unlike Plato, did not turn away from contemporary politics. Isocrates cherished the dream of a united Greece which could show the rest of the world how to be free.

The relationship between Aristotle and Plato is portrayed with insight as to their basic differences and likenesses. Though Aristotle reversed his teacher and his teacher's ideals, he found his own truths through different paths.

Author Evaluates Many

She weighs the qualities of the other prominent men of the day—and finds the most famous of them lacking in those qualities that make a man truly great. Though possessing the attributes of a leader of men, Alexander The Great was tremendously ambitious, conceited, rash, and irresponsibly cruel. When he died, his empire fell to pieces almost before he was buried. To Demosthenes, however, is ascribed brilliant and lofty patriotism, plus courage—a quality then obsolete. All alone, he fired an apathetic people to do for the last time... what brave men can do. But the Greeks were defeated and Menander, the foremost playwright of Alexander's day, revealed to all who have come later that the light of Athenian genius then flickered and went out forever—and we are as sorry as Miss Hamilton.

Greeks Teach Us

Another man brought to life is the best-loved of Greek historians, Plutarch. The reader admires his noble, simple virtues and his beliefs, which were so close to the Christianity which was, at first, addressed to the Greeks.

"The Echo of Greece" ends with its main thesis: the Greeks are our teachers in things of truth and beauty.

The vivid, intensely interesting prose of the book makes fascinating reading, particularly for a student of history or philosophy. The lack of a bibliography or documentation robs the value of the book only as a reference for further reading, since the author is such a learned and eminent authority on the subject.

"The Echo of Greece" portrays and interprets our tremendous heritage of ideas from fourth century Greece. The reader will be much enlightened and interested in the character portrayals of the book and will be left impressed with the immortality of truth, as this truth is rediscovered by modern man and applied to his life.

Nancy Chadwell

Kappa Delta Pi Initiates Alumnae

Joanna Green, Vivian Remillard, and Sybill Jobe were initiated into the national honorary educational fraternity at K.S.T.C. last Thursday night.

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Basketeers Drop Three Successive Games During Christmas Holidays

Coach Buddy Ball's cagers suffered three consecutive setbacks during the Christmas holidays at the hands of Kansas teams—December 13, December 17, and December 19. Two of the games, Independence and Parsons, were played at Memorial Hall and the third took place at Coffeyville. It was the first road game of the season.

The Independence Pirates edged out a 78-76 win over the Lions. The closely-played non-conference contest stood at 40-36 at the half, with the Pirates leading. Bob Keeling

Height Disadvantage Proves Fatal to Lions

The Lions suffered their seventh defeat, 60-50, at the hands of the Tulsa University "Frosh" January 6 at Tulsa.

Struggling hard to overcome Tulsa's height advantage, the Lions trailed 30-23 at half-time. The Tulsans, with the aid of Dave Voss, a 6'7" pivot man, dominated the rebounding.

Voss captured the scoring honors with 23 points on 10 field goals and three charity tosses. Bob Keeling sparked the Lions with a total of 14 points.

Team scoring was as follows: Joplin (50)—DeSpain, 7; Keeling 14; Tomilson, 2; Springer, 9; Mailes, 10; Clanton, 8; and Mitchell.

Joplin's center-forward, dominated the scoring column with 21 points. He was trailed closely by Fay Bradley, Independence's little 5-7 guard, who grabbed 17 counters.

The Juco cagers again met defeat at the hands of the Parsons Junior College Cardinals, 88-72. Hut Whetzel, Cardinal forward, led the onslaught with 31 points to give the Lions their fifth setback in six starts. Bob Keeling dunked 25 counters and Ron Ellis grabbed 18 for the home squad.

The quintet lost again as the Coffeyville Red Ravens rolled past them 66 to 51. The loss put Joplin in the losing column with six losses in seven starts. Bob Keeling paced the Green and Gold team with 19 and Ron Ellis, 6-foot guard, was right behind with 15 counters. Vincent Knight led the Ravens scoring with 17 points.

Graduate Returns To Fistic Career

Chuck Woodworth, Joplin's only professional fighter and a 1952 graduate of J. J. C., will make a long awaited return to the ring February 25, at Auckland, New Zealand, against Kitone Lave, heavy-weight champion of the South Pacific.

Beginning his boxing career at the age of fourteen in Joplin Globe Golden Gloves matches, Chuck fought in six weight divisions, scoring two championships. He was also the winner of the inter-city match in 1951. The Juco alumnus began his professional career in pugilism shortly after his graduation, reaching the semi-finals of the 1952 Olympic trials. He has met such stalwarts in the boxing profession as Rex Lavne, Ezard Charles, and Pat McMurty.

While attending J. J. C., Chuck was elected to serve as vice-president of the Student Senate and as secretary-treasurer of the Y.M.C.A. Luncheon Club during his sophomore year in 1951 and 1952. An avid sports fan, Chuck was also a cheerleader and a sports reporter for The Chart.

Chuck has been serving as a missionary on Alofi Nuie with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for the last two and one half years. His plans call for landing here in early spring before continuing his studies toward his master's degree at the University of Utah at Salt Lake City.



ZINN'S



The above scene shows Doris Ladd racking up a high score in the girls' bowling class as Margaret Kenney leaves the alley and Ann Puett, Janice Roper, and Peggy Randolph start to bowl. The girls are members of Mrs. Margaret Jeffcott's class meeting at the Fourth Street Bowl.

Jeanne Swanson with a score of 178 is currently high, but Judy Tedder with 150 and Nancy Hopkins with 145 are not far behind.

The bowling instructor says that a good score for beginning women bowlers is 100 and that many of the girls have exceeded that mark. Several consistently bowl higher. Doris Ladd, Suzanne Bogner, and Jo Ann Rutherford have good averages. Erlene Miller has a recorded score of 134.

San Angelo Downs Cagers, 76-61 In All-State Junior College Tourney

The defending national junior college champions, San Angelo College Rams, trampled the Lions, 72 to 61, to take third place January 11, in the annual All-State junior college basketball tournament in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Cameron's Aggies, the host team, trounced Hannibal-La-Grange, 78-40, for the tournament championship.

Students, Faculty Clash January 31

The annual Y. M. C. A. Faculty basketball game is scheduled for 10 o'clock Friday, January 31, at the Y.M.C.A. gym. Tickets will go on sale during registration with the proceeds to go to the World University Service.

All grade books will be left in class so that students will be able to meet the teachers on even ground. It will be a Hollywood setting, with the strategy and tactics of the old pros matched against the speed and will of youth.

The instructors will place their hopes on last year's veterans: Buddy Ball, Jess Eastman, Arnold Irwin, Maurice Litton, Dudley Stegge, and James Stratton. Coached by Gerald Harper, the students include Phil Bellairs, Buddy Chaney, Bill Easley, Marion Ellis, George Hatzfeld, Dave Garrison, Homer Miller, George Payne and Dale Richards.

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J. C. Lion Wins All-American Fullback Slot

Myrl Gunn, power-running fullback, was one of the 22 named to the All-American Junior College football squad last month by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Picked for the first team, Gunn is the first Missouri junior college player to capture the honor. The 210-pound line smasher has been selected twice for the All-Interstate Conference team. He has been one of the deciding factors in carrying Coach Dudley Stegge's home eleven to their first conference title since the Lions joined the conference in 1955.

The only other member from this area to be chosen to the first team is Bert Donahoo of the Oklahoma Junior College champions.

Each of the squad members received individual N.J.C.A.A. awards, while MacGregor Sporting Goods Company will present official autographed footballs to the 22 first team members.

Colleges having players on the All-American roster will receive certificates from the N.J.C.A.A.

College Players Will Hold Party

The thespians will read Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" at 8:15 Thursday night in the home of Milton W. Brietzke. Prospective members are invited.

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